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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Activities Interpretation Division, FMSAC

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] Application, Research &
Techniques Branch

THROUGH: Chief, Requirement Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT: New Construction at Suspect Solid Propellant Plant,
Isfara, USSR

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C-DS4-81,724
(b) CIA/PIR Project 30708-4
(c) CIA/PIR-15/63, November 1963

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 24 August 1964 which requested a description of new construction and changes in the Isfara Suspect Solid Propellant Plant.

2. Reference (c) gives a description of the progress of construction of this facility from the initial phases of construction in [REDACTED] up to [REDACTED]. The most recent photo coverage of this installation is [REDACTED]. The accompanying photograph and overlay shows the new building construction and changes that have taken place between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

3. The following significant items of interest were noted:

a. New Building Construction. Two major multi-story production buildings, each 320 feet by 70 feet, are still under construction in the area immediately north of the two, 425 feet long, heavily revetted parallel buildings.

25X1D b. Railroad Construction. The rail line leading directly from the main railroad in Isfara has not been completed. The road bed was laid between [REDACTED] but no tracks are evident and bridging over a wide ditch has not been completed.

c. Additional Security Measures. A solid fence, [REDACTED] 10 feet high and a plowstrip, 150 feet wide has been constructed around the storage area. A plowed strip, 150 feet wide, now surrounds the entire production area, also.

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4. It is apparent that this heavily secured installation will be engaged in the production and storage of highly explosive material. However the small scale of available photography precludes the assigning of definite functions to the various buildings and determining the exact type of plant product.

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5. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2079 should you have questions concerning this project.

6. This project is considered to be complete.

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Enclosure:

One photographic print with annotated overlay
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